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POLYMER NETWORKS FOR DRUG DELIVERY AND TISSUE
ENGINEERING

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2008, Applicant requests consideration of the following Remarks. The due date for filing a response was October 11, 2008. The deadline for filing an Appeal Brief or Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) is January 11, 2009, including all extensions of time. Since January 11, 2009 fell on a Sunday, a response may be timely filed on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a). Applicants respectfully submit that the present Response, which is filed together with an RCE and Petition for three (3)-Month Extension of Time, is timely filed on January 12, 2009.

As noted, a three (3)-month extension of time, from October 11, 2008, up to and including January 11, 2009, is requested to respond to the Office action. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the Office action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Response. Payment of the extension fee is being made using credit card payment option of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System. Applicants believe that no other fees are due with this Response. However, if this belief is in error, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1721, under Order No. 0492611-0590 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. Please amend the present Application as follows

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.